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MR. HARRISON'S REPLY.

Some three months ago THE COMMONWEALTH printed a letter by Mr. R. W. Brown, ex-chairman of the board of county commissioners, answering a letter that had been published in the Littleton News Reporter by Mr. T. N. Harrison, chairman of the present board of county commissioners for Halifax county.

Mr. Harrison answered Mr. Brown through the News Reporter in a long article covering about five and half columns in that paper, which appeared in a series of three articles; one Nov. 26, one Dec. 3, and another Dec. 10th.

It was some time before we could get all the articles and we did mean to review them, giving our readers both sides of the discussion, but we have not had an opportunity until now; and we only now have space to give the conclusions Mr. Harrison reached.

His conclusions are that there was a perversion of facts in Mr. Brown's statement, and intimates that Mr. Travis who was the county attorney while Mr. Brown was commissioner, had opportunity to inform himself better than the statements in Mr. Brown's letter show that he did.

Everybody is glad, however, that the county is now paying its bills.

NOTES ABOUT CONGRESS.

Monday in the House the Teller resolution declaring bonds of the United States payable in silver, was killed by a majority of 50 votes. The Republicans voted solidly against it, except Congressman Linney of North Carolina who voted with the Democrats, and White, the colored member from North Carolina, who voted "present" when his name was called.

C. M. Bernard was confirmed Monday by the Senate as United States attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Mr. Riley, a Democratic Congressman from Kentucky, created a sensation when, referring to "the crime of 1873", he said if there is a corner in Hades hotter than the rest it will be reserved for John Sherman, the author of the crime. He was hissed by the Republican side and ought to have been hissed for using such language in dignified debate, notwithstanding Sherman's sin was a great one.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

Some time ago a gentleman who is a reader of both the News & Observer and THE COMMONWEALTH said to us that newspaper men praise each other for getting out neat papers, but never criticize when the papers are not well printed. He was referring to the poorly printed pages of the News & Observer, for an issue or two.

THE COMMONWEALTH can afford to tell the incident now since the News & Observer has made itself so handsome and clean in its print by the fast new presses it has recently put in. It shows commendable enterprise in its first class equipments and we trust that the good people of the State will give it such patronage that it will continue to grow in enterprise. It seems that any one ought to appreciate it as a newspaper now.

LET US BE VIGILANT.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" ought to be the motto for all Democrats in North Carolina from this day until our next election day. This good old State must be saved from the hands of the plunderers, and the Democratic party is the only medium through which it can be done.

The Republican party had sway for years and the State was ruined. Under Democratic rule some of the people became dissatisfied and tried Populism alone and effecting nothing, mixed it with Republicanism, and the result is, we find the State sliding rapidly to the low level of thirty years ago.

Now, let all good men and hearts together and save our State from ruin and shame.

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SAYS BRYAN IS THE MAN.

No living man except a gold-bug believes Bryan a dead man. He who believes him dead, or a back issue, is the dead dog in the manger himself. If dead, he is the liveliest dead man since the resurrection of Christ. And he will yet, with his following, surprise and conquer his enemies and the enemies to silver and the masses of the people, as Christ surprised and conquered the enemies to truth and was crowned victor.

Nothing but the Chicago platform and its candidate can save silver, the democratic party or the liberties of the people.

To repudiate any part of that platform would be the repudiation of the principles of reform and the principles of democracy.

To repudiate Bryan would be the signal gun for the disbandment of the silver forces and the dispossession of the Southern and Western Democracy.

No other living man could have received as many votes as he did in the last election under the same circumstances. No other living man can carry as many votes for silver in the next campaign as he can.

He can carry for silver one million voters more than any other living American.

To repudiate him or the platform would be political madness run to seed, self-stultification, suicide.

He is the only man in America that can be elected at the head of the silver forces.

His power over the people and his influence are growing daily.

He is the embodiment of reform; the sum and substance of true democracy. He is the center around which the hopes of the great body of the American people revolve.

He is the leading and brightest light of the silver forces; extinguish that light and you cast a shadow over all the land, and at one stroke blast and shatter the hopes of more than six million voters.

If the Great I Am should see fit in his kind dispensation to take him from us, He could and would give us another in his stead, but we cannot substitute or find a substitute for him.

William Jennings Bryan is any thing but dead, a "back issue," out of date. The principles he typifies are eternal, and though he may die, will live forever.

He who cannot stand the Chicago platform as the embodiment of democratic principles or W. J. Bryan as its leader in the next National Convention had as well take time by the forelock, and get out of the democratic organization, not because he is not a gentleman or a good citizen or a clever fellow, because he may be all these, but because he is not a democrat.

I heard a gentleman say a day or so ago, the democratic party must not wince the silver question or financial question in this fall or summer's campaign, but "must make the negro question, the issue and the doings of the two last legislatures."

I admit the doings of the last legislature, with the Kirby Smiths, the Hancock, the Judge Suttons, the John Smiths and many others of that stripe, are more than sufficient to disgust not only the angels in Heaven, the righteous on earth and all decent people in and out of the State, and to drive the whole tribe of mongrels and plunderers from place and power into outer darkness, where devils rend each other; but why leave out the financial question, the silver question? That is the issue upon which the national election hinges.

We must win Congress and the presidency upon that issue or not win at all.

Are we all liars, when we say the want of money, is the cause of low prices and hard times? Are we hypocrites? Are we afraid of the issue and are we ashamed of our cause?

Let all those who do not propose to abide by the will of the majority as expressed by the convention, pack up their baggage, and move their headquarters.

I don't mean to invite any gentleman out of the party, nor to drive any one out, but would rather invite all in, and encourage all to stay in. We need every man. We need all the honest, patriotic populists; all the honest, patriotic gold-bugs; all the honest, patriotic silver republicans, and every man in the State who loves his country, his wife and children, and down-trodden oppressed humanity. We need and want all honest white men, whether Jew or Gentile, Greek or Barbarian who favor the rule of intelligence, honesty, virtue and morality.

We need and want in the coming contest in this State all who favor white supremacy, Anglo-Saxon rule, and the banishment of immorality, corruption, incompetency, rascality and meanness from high places and power in and out of the State.

But the party does not need any thorns in its sides, and firebrands in its midst, and spies in its camp, nor any traitors in its councils.

The party needs to be united as one man, and those who propose to lag behind, or bolt conventions, or fight its principles, or to give aid and comfort to the common enemy, will do their hearts and heads credit, and their country good, and the party justice by making some personal associations.

If there be any who call themselves democrats, and cannot stand white supremacy and the white metal linked together, the one to preserve the liberties, the glory and independence of the government, and to root out corruption, fraud, extravagance and incompetence; the other to relieve, uplift and redeem the down-trodden and oppressed portion of the human family, we would advise them to separate from the democratic organization; and go home where they belong, in the negro party, and cease calling themselves democrats or populists.

If any act and vote with the gold-bug party or the republican party, why call yourselves democrats or populists? Why sail under false colors? Honesty is always the best policy. There is no room in this State or nation for but two parties. All other organizations politically are aiders and abettors to either the gold-bug republican party or the silver democratic party, or they are simply swill drinkers or pie hunters.

No, Mr. Editor, the silver craze is not dead nor is Mr. Bryan dead. They are both living, powerful factors. They are both stronger by twenty per cent. to-day than they were on the day McKinley was elected, and will be ten per cent. strong one year from now.

Neither Van Wyck, Croker or David B. Hill need trouble themselves about who will control the next national democratic convention. Neither New York State nor the New England States combined with Ohio and Pennsylvania will ever control another democratic convention. Nor will they name any other democratic President, until they repent of their sins of omission and commission and are converted to democratic doctrines.

No man in New York or any Eastern State can carry the electoral vote in a single Southern State. They must repudiate Clevelandism and goldbugism and spew them out, before they can ever hope to get the support of the South.

No traitor like Hill or Whitney can ever in this day and generation get the support in a national democratic convention.

The only hope for the success of the national democracy is from the South and West. Neither the Southern nor the Western democracy desires success on the national ticket with a New York or New England democrat at the head of the ticket. Such another victory as the Cleveland victory would be everlasting death to true democracy.

Mr. Van Wyck just as well kill that humble bee, buzzing in his silk beaver. He is not in it.

We want no more New York democracy for the next hundred years.

If David B. Hill and company, and Palmer, Buckner, Carlisle and company had been true democrats and had used their power to elect Bryan, he would to-day be President instead of McKinley. And their day might have come, but now, it never will until the grave opens to receive them.

Now, in conclusion I want to say that any man, gold-bug, populist, or republican who goes into a democratic convention and abides the decision of that convention and supports its nominees is a good enough democrat for me.

We ought not to expect all men to agree with each other.

All any political party ever required of its members or its friends, was to support its nominees fairly made in open convention.

All that is required of any citizen, is to be reasonable, honest, consistent, just and patriotic, and seek all the information and light on every available subject, and then follow the dictates of an enlightened conscience and a mature judgment.

To be thus governed and controlled the silver men in the Democratic, Republican and Populist parties, will carry this State in defiance of all opposition from office-seekers, corruption, and goldbugism and plutocracy. It is full time honest white men of all classes should get together in order to rescue from ruin all that is worth living for or dying for.

W. H. KITCHIN.

A MONUMENT TO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

CHATHAM, Va., Jan. 31, '98.

Mr. Chas. R. Walsh, representing the Chas. M. Walsh, steam marble and granite works of Petersburg, Va., has closed with the Ladies' Memorial Association of this place for a handsome monument to be erected to Confederate dead of Petersburg County. The monument stands about 25 feet in height, with base 8 feet 6 inches square made of Petersburg granite, surmounted with Italian Marble Statue of a Confederate soldier at parade rest.

The ladies are to be congratulated in placing their order with this reliable firm whose work in this line is unexcelled.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at E. T. Whitehead & Co's Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle.

A FAMOUS MAN DEAD.

R. T. Simmons, the man who gave to the world the famous Simmons Liver Regulator, died in Atlanta a day or two ago at an advanced age. He was a native Georgian.

NORTH CAROLINA SECOND.

The estimate of tobacco production in the United States for 1896 puts North Carolina second, and Kentucky first. The area cultivated was 594,749 acres. Seven States produced a crop valued at over a million dollars each as follows: Kentucky, \$6,032,202; North Carolina, \$5,490,334; Virginia, \$3,013,986; Tennessee \$2,464,816; Ohio, \$1,066,000; Pennsylvania, \$1,299,542; Connecticut, \$1,324,668.

PLEASED WITH SCOTLAND NECK.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. Jan. 31, '98.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH: It was my pleasure and privilege to spend twenty four hours last week in your hospitable town, and I must say that I never spent twenty-four hours more pleasantly. I stopped at Hotel Lawrence where I got a good room and an elegant breakfast. Mr. Hancock, the proprietor, is an old traveling man and knows the wants of the public.

I visited the office of THE COMMONWEALTH, where I found the editor up to his ears in business, yet very polite and courteous.

A friend took me around through the residential portion of the town and I found residences that would do credit to a city.

The people of Scotland Neck are an energetic people always looking forward to the up-building of their town. They may differ in their views upon some matters but whenever anything turns up that tends to promote the general interest of the town they are united.

During the spring and summer months the town must be one of the most delightful in the State on account of its shade trees.

I am informed that the knitting mill and the Scotland Neck Bank are both doing a good business. Well, with such men as A. McDowell, W. R. Bond, Frank P. Shields and A. B. Hill at the head of any business, why should it not succeed?

Scotland Neck is to be congratulated upon having for her population some of the most enterprising men in the State. I understand that at an early date prize houses and warehouses will be erected there and that the farmers will more extensively engage in the cultivation of tobacco. I know very little about the soil in that section but suppose it is well adapted to the growth of this weed. The stores in Scotland Neck are nicely constructed and kept in good order. The church yards show that they are not neglected. This town should be a criterion for her sister towns.

THE COMMONWEALTH has done its part towards the up-building of this hospitable town and should have a most liberal support from its people, which I am sure it has.

I also stopped in Tillery where I found the people very hospitable and kind. The writer will ever remember the people of these towns as being among the most pleasant and generous he ever met upon any occasion.

W. B. WHITEHEAD.

WAKE FOREST LETTER.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WAKE FOREST, N. C., Feb. 1, 1898.

Prof. Nathaniel Butler, of Colby University, is expected to lecture here soon.

The Wake Forest Law Class will apply for license to practice law next Monday. The law department of the college is exceedingly popular.

We were glad to have with us several days ago Rev. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the 3rd Baptist church of Atlanta.

The Euzelean and Philomathesian literary societies will celebrate their sixty-third anniversary on Feb. 11th. The debate will begin at 2:30 p. m. Subject: "Ought all government appointments be under the control of civil service rules?"

Messrs. Jackson Hamilton, of Union, and Walter L. Cohoon, of Pasquotank, will argue the affirmative of the question and Messrs. C. S. Burgess, of Craven, and J. C. Owen, of Transylvania, will argue the negative.

At 7 o'clock, p. m. two orations will be delivered, one by Mr. T. Neil Johnson of Tennessee representing the Euzelean society, and the other by Mr. John D. Larkins, of Pender, representing the Philomathesian society.

Dr. A. C. Barron, of Charlotte, aided Pastor Gwaltney in a meeting at this place last week. A large number made professions of religion. Many were restored to church fellowship and the entire student body seem to be placed on a higher plane of living. Dr. Barron is an able preacher. He won the love of all his hearers. W. O. B.

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ENFIELD'S NEWSY LETTER.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., Jan. 31, 1898.

Mr. M. W. Sykes died last Monday night leaving a wife and eight children who have the sympathy and prayers of many.

As the setting of the sun Thursday evening so went out the life of Mrs. M. C. Whitfield who was the widow of Rev. Jno. G. Whitfield and daughter of Spier Coffield, whose mother was the daughter of Col. John Whitaker, making three of his descendants that have passed over the river from here in the last six months.

Miss Cora Thorne and Mr. L. Edwards were united in marriage by Rev. J. T. Abernathy at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Geo. Thorne, last Wednesday.

The bank and the vault that would take a battering ram to batter down are ready for deposits. The president is as clever and honest as the days are long and the cashier is polite and attentive to business, and although one may be a gold bug and the other a silver bug suppose they will receive gold, silver, copper and currency and pay in the same.

Mr. R. E. Biddick, as fat and jovial and full of talk and fun as ever, after spending a week to the delight of his family and friends, returned to Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Boyd and wife are boarding at Capt. Randolph's.

The beautiful snow has come at last. Rev. K. H. Basmajian, of Armenia, gave an interesting talk and lecture in the Baptist church last week.

Rev. Mr. Bell, of Wilson, gave them two good talks yesterday and last night at the P. E. Church.

Mr. S. Meyer shipped a turkey that weighed 31½ lbs. dressed.

A HEALTHY WIFE.

Writes of Dr. Hartman's Free Home Treatment.

Mrs. F. M. Badgett, 819 New street, Knoxville, Tenn., writes a letter for publication, which she desires all her suffering sisters to read. She writes: "When I was 16 years old, I suffered with female weakness of the worst kind."

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Any woman wishing to apply for Dr. Hartman's free home treatment has only to send age, symptoms, duration of disease, when the doctor will prescribe the proper treatment. The medicine can be obtained by each patient at the nearest drug store. Each woman should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on the diseases peculiar to women, called "Health and Beauty." Sent free to any woman by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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